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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM A WELL-PLACED SOURCE THAT THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAVE DRAFTED A JOINT PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER, RECOMMENDING THAT BELGIUM OPT FOR A "EUROPEAN SOLUTION", PRIMARILY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. THE SAME SOURCE SAYS THAT THE BELGIANS ARE TESTING THIS POSITION WITH THE DUTCH IN THE MEETINGS TODAY AND TOMORROW BETWEEN THE BELGIAN AND DUTCH MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE. IF THE DUTCH DO NOT REACT STRONGLY AGAINST IT, OUR SOURCE SAID, THE BELGIANS WILL INFORM PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS THAT THEY INTEND TO PRESENT IT AS THE BELGIAN POSITION AT THE FEBRUARY 17 MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TALKED TO MANY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE LAST TEN DAYS ABOUT THE F-104 REPLACEMENT, THIS IS THE ONLY INDICATION WE HAVE
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HAD THAT SUCH AN OPERATION IS UNDERWAY. NONETHELESS,

AS OUR SOURCE IS RELIABLE, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK
THERE IS SOME TRUTH IN WHAT HE SAYS. FIRST THING
TOMORROW WE WILL ASK BELGIAN OFFICIALS POINT BLANK
WHETHER THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE AND, IF SO, MAKE
APPOINTMENTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL TO PUT FORWARD OUR
ARGUMENTS FOR THE F-16. RENNER

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